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R. BLYTHE, et al. )  
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is in Response to the Final Office Action dated April 23, 2002. A request for a one-month extension of time is being filed herewith.

REMARKS

The Final Office Action of April 23, 2002 has been fully considered. In view of the following comments, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the Application.

THE OFFICE ACTION

Claims 1, 7, 10, 15, 17, 19 and 23-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated in by Thelen et al., 4,564,310 or Japanese Patent Abstract No. JP 4048927.

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